

**These Three Kings:
On the Life of King David**
July 29, 2007

“Handling Enemies”
1 Samuel 18

Goliath was clearly an *enemy*; Saul was supposedly a *friend*.
But David’s heroic act created a second “giant” far more
ominous and difficult to confront and handle. The second
“giant” was King Saul and the problem was jealousy.

Saul...remained David’s enemy the rest of his days.
1 Samuel 18:29

Characteristics of a Biblical Principle:

- Illustrated in the lives of God’s people
- Demonstrated or expanded by God’s Son or Apostles
- Timeless
- Cultureless
- Non-negotiable

1. Initiate the steps of _____.
Matthew 5:23-24

2. Refuse any plan to get _____.
Romans 12:18-19

3. Reboot your _____ for being.
Galatians 6:9-10

“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous ...the face of
the LORD is against those who do evil...The righteous cry
out, and the LORD hears them...” Psalms 34:15-17

Going Deep

1. Saul was an enemy of David's because he refused to deal with his root problem of pride and hardness of heart. This problem created personal jealousy. How do you handle jealousy?
 - ✓ Am I dealing with the root problem?
 - ✓ Have I sincerely turned to God for help?
 - ✓ Have I sought help from other mature believers?
 - ✓ Have I shared my feelings with the other person involved?
2. If you are in conflict with another person does that remove the blessing of God from you? What is "the truth" about this conflict?
3. What are your motives in going to someone that you find yourself in conflict with? Are you using this person's weaknesses to enhance your own image?
4. What could you do to minimize this person's problems?
5. Do you pray for this person regularly?

Going Deeper

6. In addition to the three principles shared in Sunday's message, what additional direction can you find in Matthew 7:3-5? Matthew 18:15-17? Galatians 6:1, 2?

Going Even Deeper

7. Most commentators believe that David wrote Psalm 34 following his experiences in enemy territory. If you have acknowledged your part in a conflict with another and are committed to live according to God's plan, you too may wish to write a psalm reflecting the difference in your life. Try it.

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